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H.E. Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary General of the United Nations
New York, New York
USA

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your letter of 20 November 1992, in which you inquired about the recent arrest of Mr. Xanana Gusmao by the Indonesian security forces.

I should like to confirm that Mr. Xanana Gusmao was indeed apprehended in Dili in the morning of November 20 by the Indonesian security apparatus who were aided by information and cooperation from the local population.

At the present moment he is in safe custody and is being questioned in preparation for his court trial on the basis of the Indonesian criminal code and law on criminal procedures. I should like to assure you that he will be tried in strict accordance to those laws, i.e. in open, public court, and he will be provided with full legal assistance. I should also like to personally assure you of his good health and that he is not being ill-treated in any way.

As regards access to him by the International Committee of the Red Cross, I am pleased to inform you that such access will be granted in due time in accordance with existing regulations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

All Alatas